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TAGS: OVIP, CIVS, OEXC (TOLBERT, A. B.)

SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S SON TO U.S.

REF: STATE 148275

1. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ADOLPHUS B. TOLBERT (PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S ELDEST SON) INFORMED DCM AT DINNER ON JULY 1ST THAT HE WOULD BE ARRIVING JFK JULY 4 AT 2330 HOURS ABOARD AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHT 049. HE CARRIES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND HAS BEEN ISSUED DIPLOMATIC VISA BY THIS EMBASSY. TOLBERT DID NOT REQUEST AIRPORT COURTESIES, BUT EMBASSY SUGGESTS THEY BE EXTENDED. TOLBERT IS ERRATIC INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN BE UNPLEASANT IF HE PERCEIVES THAT HE IS NOT BEING ACCORDED PROPER RECOGNITION AND PREROGATIVES.

2. TOLBERT PLANS PROCEED WASHINGTON ON/ABOUT JULY 10. TOLBERT TOLD DCM VISIT WAS FOR BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND BUSINESS PURPOSES. SAID HE WANTED "TO FINALIZE SEVERAL DEALS" ON WHICH HE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME. DCM WAS UNABLE ELICIT ANY DETAILS AND EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY BUSINESS TOLBERT MIGHT WISH DISCUSS WITH USG OFFICIALS.

3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, TOLBERT INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO ABIDJAN ON JULY 2 ENROUTE TO U.S. TO DISCUSS SOME AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN WHICH GOL, GOIC AND SOME OF HIS "FOREIGN FREINDS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS" ARE INTERESTED.

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THOSE FRIENDS COULD BE A GROUP REPRESENTING ELENOR

INTERNATIONAL INC. AN ALLEGED AMERICAN FIRM (ABOUT WHOM
EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION) WHO VISITED HERE LAST WEEK.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TOLBERT COORDINATED VISIT.
ACCORDING TO GOL PRESS RELEASE GROUP CONSISTED OF MANU
NARANG, PAUL POLISHULK, HERALD HERMAN, ROBERT FEHR, KURT
GAYL AND MICHEL MEYOR (NONE OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO THIS
EMBASSY). TOLBERT INTIMATED TO DCM THAT GROUP WOULD VISIT
ABIDJAN.
MANFULL

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